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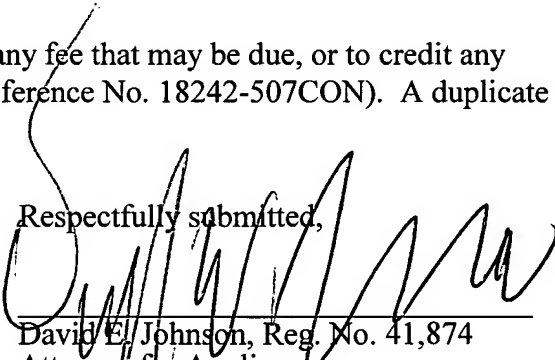
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed herewith are the following for the above-identified non-provisional patent application:

1. Response to February 8, 2005 Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (12 pages),
2. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page),
3. Modified Form 1449/PTO (2 pages), and
4. Return postcard.

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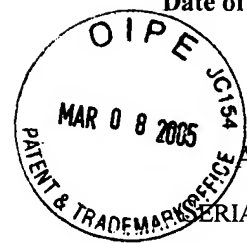
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Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment

In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005 imposing restriction, Applicants elect the invention of Group III, drawn to claims 45-50 and 72-75. Applicants further elect the invention of Group (B), where the ligand is a polypeptide.

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the claims as follows.